

OU hosts unmanned robotics meet

Student engineering teams will demonstrate their skills at robotics for bragging rights and a \$10,000 prize in the first Unmanned Ground Robotics Competition Friday at Oakland University.

The public is invited to the free event with competition starting at approximately 10 a.m. on the campus site at the corner of Adams and Walton in Rochester Hills.

The Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems (AUVS) is sponsoring the competition and providing the prize money. The goal is to interest more college and university engineering students in robotic guidance systems for vehicles. The field has tremendous applications ranging from manufacturing to warfare.

OU engineering professor Ka C. Cheok says registered teams

include OU, the University of Michigan, University of Tulsa, University of Cincinnati, Cleveland State University, University of North Dakota, and the University of Colorado-Denver.

The unmanned vehicles will get three runs over a 60 yard by 100 yard course. The vehicles must demonstrate an autonomous on-the-spot ability to avoid obstacles by means of robotics recognition systems de-

signed into the vehicles.

The OU entry is a modified golf cart named UGLY (Unguided Generic Land Yacht) and it will have three computers along with sonar and infra-red equipment for detecting obstacles.

Competition is limited to small all-terrain vehicles like golf carts or lawn tractors and will have a maximum speed of five miles per hour.

TV audience sought

WKBD-TV, Channel 50, in Southfield is looking for area residents to be part of a television studio audience for a discussion on "Property Taxes Too High? Then DO something about it?"

hosted by Amyra Makupson, 10 o'clock news anchorwoman.

Taping is 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Southfield studios, 26905 W. 11 Mile Road. The show will air at 7 a.m. June 26.

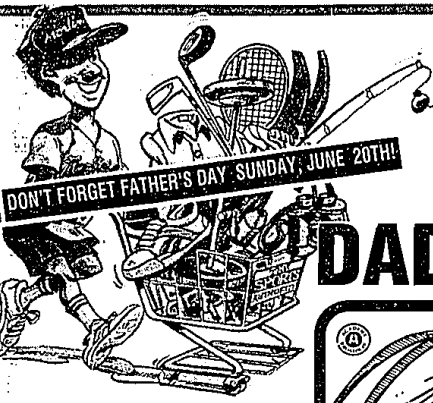
For reservations, call Madico Rahi, public affairs, at 355-7099 any time.

Working women unite

An organizational meeting of an area chapter of the National Association of Working Women is set for 7 p.m. Wednesday at the

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For more information, call Debra DeSellar, 626-6209.



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